

Hocutt Park dedication held on Memorial Day

Memorial Day weekend was the setting for a patriotic service dedicating a local private park in memory of George E. Hocutt (deceased) of Elba.

The simple service, attended by about 25 family members, was conducted May 25, at 3:00 p.m. in the park on Pinedale Drive in Elba.

The service was dedicated "to the glory of God, the honor of American Veterans, and the memory of George Hocutt," according to Mrs. Evelyn Whitman Hocutt, Hocutt's widow.

The natural setting of the park, on the banks of a small creek, features a natural wood gazebo, park benches, a bird bath, bird feeder, and several bird houses. Native plants such as redbud trees, dogwoods, azaleas and native azaleas (wild honeysuckle), and the sound of a water fall enhance the restive atmosphere.

Mrs. Hocutt opened the service by welcoming the guests and explaining how the idea of the park had grown out of the landscaping work she and George enjoyed doing in their yards.

"This park was built as a place of rest, reflection and meditation," she said.

Keith Hocutt of Wake Forest, NC read a scripture, led in prayer and led the group in singing "God's Beautiful World." Eric McNair of Tallahassee, FL and Steve Stabler of Auburn, AL raised the American Flag, donated by the Department of Veterans Affairs in honor of the World War II Naval service of Mr. Hocutt.

Lawanna Hocutt Flowers of Crawfordville, FL led the Pledge of Allegiance and read a tribute to the American flag.

Veterans in attendance who were recognized were Basil Whitman, Clark Edwards, Raymond Hill, Steve Stabler, R. B. Stabler, and Travis Whitman.

Carolyn Hocutt directed as Marion and Hannah Hocutt of Wake Forest, NC and Della Stabler of Auburn, AL signed to "Love in Any Language" by Sandi Patil.

Evelyn Hocutt presented a skit on "The Hats We Wear," emphasizing that the roles we fill in life reveal our true character.

Using the hats from George's collection as examples, she explained how he was a citizen of Elba, an employee of Dorsey Trailers, a volunteer missionary with World Changers, a member of Lions Club, a Red Cross volunteer, a Coffee County

Baptist Association Disaster volunteer, Southern Baptist Disaster Relief volunteer, and a man who enjoyed some leisure time to hunt and fish.

Audience participants helped in listing some of the hats we wear every day such as compassion, encouragement, kindness, sharing, meekness, love, etc.

Deborah Hocutt Stabler of Auburn, AL read a poem, "The Bridge Builder," by Will Allen Dromgoole, relating how her father "built bridges" over the "chasm" of discouragement, fear and temptation through prayer, conviction, example and action.

At the end of the service, audience members were invited to recall and share memories of George. The group joined hands in a circle and sang "Bless Be The Tie That Binds" for the benediction.

Guests included Miss Dovie Oliver, Mr. and Mrs. Basil Whitman, Mrs. Della Whitman, Mrs. Quinnie Whitman all of Elba; Mrs. Arizona Parrish of New Brockton; Mr. and Mrs. Clark Edwards of Enterprise; Mr. and Mrs. Travis Whitman of Panama City, FL; Dr. and Mrs. Raymond Hill of Lakeland, FL; and Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Stabler of Greenville, AL.

Friends are invited to drive by and enjoy the park Mrs. Hocutt said.



Pictured above are (l-r): Mrs. Della Whitman and Evelyn Hocutt with the donated American Flag which will fly over the park.

Traffic deaths up in state following speed limit increase on highways

by Marvin McLwain - Editor

Reports of traffic fatalities in Alabama for periods before and after 1996 speed limit increases indicate an upward trend in traffic deaths on interstate and four-lane U. S. highways compared with 1995 statistics, according to Col. L. N. Hagan, Department of Public Safety director.

Legislation enacted in May 1996 raised maximum speeds on interstates from 65 to 70 miles per hour, and allowed maximum speeds on roadways with four or more lanes to be increased from 55 to 65 miles per hour.

Hagan said data collected for seven months after speed limits were raised indicates a 27 percent increase in fatalities on interstates and a 15 percent increase on U. S. highways with four or more lanes.

Fatality statistics for the 1997 calendar year (year-to-date) show a 100 percent increase in rural interstate fatalities, a 15 percent reduction in rural fatalities on state highways, and a 6 percent reduction in rural fatalities on county roads.

Rural traffic fatalities on U. S. roadways remain virtually unchanged compared with the previous year. Total rural fatalities recorded to date for 1997 equal 289, compared with 283 in 1996.

Hagan said the DPS continues to monitor traffic crash and fatality trends to help guide enforcement activities. He said state troopers are focusing on speed limit enforcement with the help of a federal overtime grant. Additionally, troopers recently received a federal overtime grant targeting DUI enforcement.

Hagan attributed fatality increases partly due to decreased trooper presence.

"Clearly, one of the reasons we are seeing an increase in rural traffic deaths is the lack of road troopers," he said. "We've been hanging by our fingernails for a number of years."

Trooper strength is rebounding, however, due to Gov. Fob James' and the Legislature's support for trooper hiring and training, said Hagan.

"Thanks to Gov. James and our legislators, Public Safety has been able to hire and train two classes of troopers, with a third class planned for late summer," said Hagan.

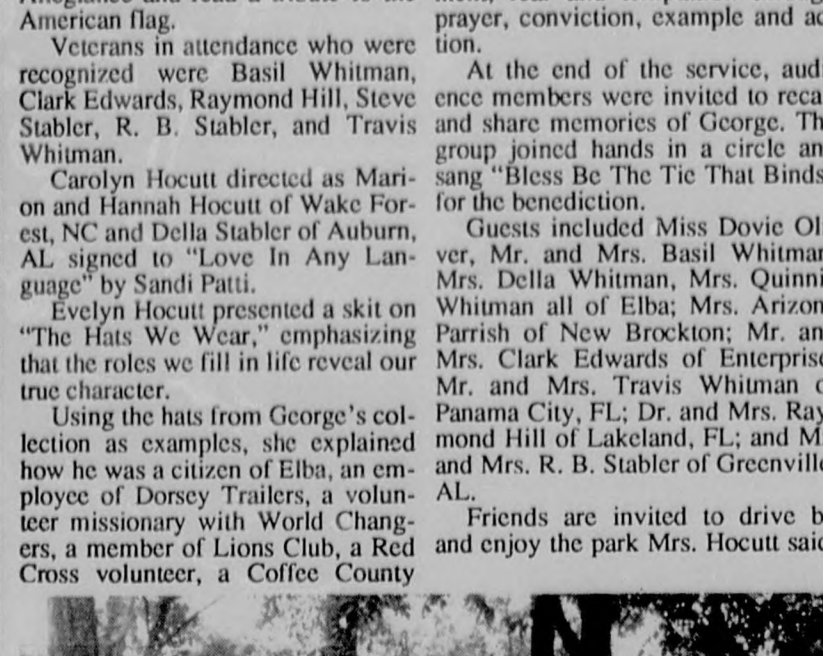
Additionally, DPS has requested funding to hire, train and equip two classes of troopers during FY97-98.

"We look to these newly hired troopers and the existing officers in Highway Patrol to help reverse the tragic fatality trend," Hagan said.

In addition to enforcement, troopers work to educate Alabamians regarding the importance of responsible driving behavior, said Hagan.

"State troopers urge Alabama motorists to observe posted speed limits and to be aware that higher speeds result in more severe crashes and increased likelihood of death or serious injury as a result of crashes, he said.

Although the maximum posted speed limit on interstate highways is 70 miles per hour, troopers estimate average speeds on interstates to be 80 to 85 miles per hour.



Mrs. Carolyn Boswell was crowned Ms. Pike Manor 1997. Pictured with her is her husband Sammy Boswell.

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Mrs. Carolyn Boswell was recently crowned Ms. Pike Manor 1997.

"This has been so much fun," she said. "I'm just as excited as I can be."

Mrs. Boswell was taken to Pike Manor in January, 1996, in extremely serious condition, but her husband, Sammy Boswell, said, "I've seen her come from the bottom up."

"When we brought her here, I didn't think I'd ever see her up again. God has blessed her by letting her be here. . . these people at Pike Manor . . . have brought her back."

Mrs. Boswell's parents, Earl and Zora Yeagan of Prattville, and her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Abernethy, shared the happy moment with her.

The Boswells' home is in Troy, and their son Robert is a Troy resident.

Before her health problems, Mrs. Boswell played piano and sang with The Singing Messengers Gospel Group.

Moore noted that the bill, before its passage, was advertised in local newspapers for four weeks and he also spoke with many, many individuals from all over Coffee County - both sides (Enterprise Division and Elba Division) concerning the bill.

"During this period of over a year and a half when I was talking to people, I got no letters, no phone calls, no opposition to changing this law," said Moore. "So I went forward. My big oversight was not coming before the county commission and asking for a resolution to support this bill, and for that I apologize."

Moore stated that he was aware of letters that had been received by members of the commission in support of this new law.

He noted that his introduction of this legislation was not due to any personal interest, but because he thought it was right for Coffee County.

"I need to be one county. I don't think we need to be two halves," Moore said. "I think that it was a very proactive step, as we enter the 21st century, in moving Coffee County forward, and it is not done as a divided county but as a unified county."

Moore commented that the new law has several advantages, one being that it lessens the possibility of mistrials due to a person serving on an Enterprise Division jury while residing in the Elba Division and vice versa.

Rep. Moore also alluded to the fact that the law has already been challenged in court one time and is currently before the courts for a second time.

The courts ruled that the law is constitutional in the first instance, and a hearing is scheduled for the second challenge on or about July 10. Moore feels that the courts will rule in favor of the law a second time as well.

"The proposition that I bring before you today is to take a stance as a legislative body," said Moore. "I would ask that you pass a resolution in support of the unified jury pool in Coffee County, or pass a resolution asking me, as your representative, to go to Montgomery at the next regular session and repeal this act," he said.

With that comment, Rep. Moore opened the floor for questions from the commissioners.

Commission Chairman Tom Grimsley made the motion that the commission pass a resolution endorsing the new jury venire law. Grimsley's motion was seconded by Kayo Lewis.

After a brief discussion of the motion, the commission voted in favor of the law and passed a resolution to that effect by a 6-0-1 vote.

Commissioner Robert Stephens abstained from voting on the resolution explaining that he felt the people of Coffee County should vote on this matter.

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FLOOD PUMP INSTALLATION HAS BEGUN

BOE member vote ends in 3-3 tie

By Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council meeting Monday saw council members deadlocked twice with 3-3 tie votes in their quest to appoint someone to a school board seat, vacated due to a term expiring. This matter has been discussed by the council for over a month without resolution.

Two weeks ago charges of nepotism were raised by council member Harold Bannin. Mayor James Grimes then postponed any action on the appointment of a school board member until the next meeting, which was scheduled for October 1, 1997.

Grimes explained that the state was lowering its collection of city attorney fees from \$36.65 per account plus he feels Elba will get better compliance with state auditors enforcing the tax laws and at a lower price.

He said that Elba has several areas of non-compliance which are now being addressed but would have been automatic with the state involvement. The state does not charge extra for these audits and collections, Grimes said, contrary to what the private collectors do.

Police Chief R. W. Whitworth reported the department had responded to 32 complaints and made 27 arrests during the past two weeks.

The chief commended the members of the police department. He said none of the complaints had to do with property or business break-ins and that is due to the steady work of the officers on duty.

He said the second new police car has been received and is on line. The details on the new NCI machine are being compiled and Whitworth plans a formal report to the council in the near future.

City Clerk Donnie Morrow reported to the council that the contractor has begun work on the flood pumps. He said they started pouring concrete for the footings on Monday.

A new litter ordinance was presented to the council for consideration. The council passed the stiffer

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A GOOD DAY FOR FISHING

Recently, residents of the Elba Nursing Home enjoyed a day of fishing and picnicking at the Coffee County Lake. In the top photo several of the residents are eating while others, in the bottom photo, were trying to catch the big ones.

County BOE monthly meeting routine

by Marvin McLwain - Editor

Richie, told board members that the project probably would not begin until mid-July. The state Building Commission is reviewing the plans which will have to have the final approval of Gov. Fob James.

After the contractor receives approval to begin the project, he will have 150 working days to complete the project.

Turning to other matters, the board approved changing the system's elementary schools' grading periods.

Superintendent Rodger Bowden recommended that the nine-week grading period be used in lieu of the six-week period. This move will unify all grades K through 12 putting them all on the same grade reporting periods.

This will be a time-saver for teachers as well as a cost-saving measure in postage. The grading system will be on a trial basis for one year and its effectiveness evaluated at the end of that time.

Others matters acted on by the board included the following items:

A request for out-of-state travel from Rachel Bryan and Laura Williams, of Zion Chapel High School, was approved. Ms. Bryan

and Williams will attend the National FBPA Conference.

David Collins, ZCHS coach, was transferred from high school health and P.E./elementary P.E. instructor to elementary P.E. instructor at ZCHS.

Shay Watson was employed as band director at ZCHS.

Michelle Templin was employed as an English teacher/coach at KHS and assume some coaching responsibilities.

Employed Dina Thompson as KHS's band director.

Janie Wiggins was employed as a part-time remediation/elementary P.E. teacher at Kinston.

Resignations were accepted from the following: Terry Spader, music teacher at KHS; Matt Rodgers, history teacher/coach at ZCHS; Baylon Reeves, bus driver at Kinston; Scotty Hunko, bus driver at Kinston; and Diane Wood, aide at Project Independence.

Re-employed James Hataway as a bus driver at Kinston.

Employed Donna Davis and Darryl Wilkerson as bus drivers at Kinston.

Inspection and submitting of sealed bids on June 1, 1997, from 1:00 p.m. until 4:30 P.M., at which time they will be publicly opened.

The successful high bidder will have until 4:30 P.M. on July 3, 1997 to pay for and remove their items.

For additional information contact Wilson Mobley at 894-5556.

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Items in old Enterprise Courthouse to be made available to citizens

Citizens' interest in buying and preserving various items from the soon-to-be replaced Coffee County Courthouse in Enterprise has prompted the Coffee County Public Building Authority to set a date for these interested parties to submit bids on these desired items.

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BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

Cops, a Jacksonville, FL man who came across as a country bumpkin, has disappeared with an armored car and \$22 million! A man by the name of Noel Johnson worked for 10 years, earning \$7 per hour driving an armored car loaded with millions of dollars daily. Fellow workers and neighbors now describe him as a constant complainer, disappointed with the cards he had been dealt in life and very disillusioned with God. He couldn't be a police officer, nor in the military service because of a health problem and he had not found himself a wife. Now they discover he apparently spent the last several years planning the big heist ... and no one has a clue in which direction he went with the money! At first officials thought they would find him in a few days, spending money like crazy, but no-no, this guy has apparently covered his tracks very well!

The Florida panhandle was supposed to get a new telephone area code this week - 850 - but guess what? Yep, we tried it Tuesday and all that came over the phone lines was an error message! Maybe the nine or ten month transition period is for the phone companies benefit and not just time for the users to adjust their dialing habits.

Action seems near on settling the tobacco issue. The companies will pay what appears to be a lot of money, but they will be freed from most of the future liabilities from lawsuits. This settlement fact will make the cost relatively cheap to the insurance companies ... just look at how the stock market cheered the action by pushing up the price of their stocks. Thus far the only people we have heard proud of the settlement are the politicians involved in the negotiations and the tobacco industry itself. It was amusing that on the day the big wigs announced they had reached an agreement, our FAX machine was spitting out a detailed explanation of what had been agreed upon. It came over the machine before it had gotten out through the national news media. Someone was awful proud of their handiwork, but gosh, there was not even a cover letter from someone thumping their chest. Now if Congress agrees, the package will become law. In this corner, there is really little excitement either way.

If any of our readers have need to visit the courthouse in Enterprise, don't be confused. All offices have moved to the former post office building, behind the courthouse. The courthouse building itself is being torn down soon to make way for a new \$4.5 million modern facility. In fact, if you want an old door, window, brick or anything from the existing building, go make an offer, 'cause it is available.

We heard an interesting story this week that should make Elba folks proud. Several families have visited South Alabama hunting a place to move with their families. After visiting the Elba schools, at least three said "Elba is our choice!" This is folks who could live anywhere within a wide radius of Coffee County. We can all swell with a bit of pride, but the hard working folks on the hill deserve a special thanks for their continuing efforts to maintain such an attractive atmosphere.

This week a message was relayed to us that the Elba individuals who filed the written complaints with the Alabama Ethics Commission have been advised not to go public with their names until they have to do so in any resulting courtroom testimony. This means our readers will have to continue relying on street gossip for any developing news on this matter. Maybe that is better, because as most folks know, a complaint is not necessarily conviction and ethics commission referral to the District Attorney doesn't always end in a court trial of any kind.

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ELBA POLICE REPORT

JUNE 16 Thru JUNE 22, 1997

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, June 16, 1997, investigated the following incidents: three harassments, three criminal mischiefs, one firing into an occupied dwelling, two thefts of property, one dog bite, one reckless endangerment, one VPL, one disorderly conduct, one theft of a decal, one criminal trespass, and one assault.

Arrests were as follows: one for burglary, one for VPL, and one for disorderly conduct.

Traffic citations issued were as follows: two for speeding, one for driving while driver's license is suspended, one for driving while driver's license is revoked, and one for DUI.

Daily activity highlights were as follows:
MONDAY, JUNE 16 - River stage - 3.88 (6:14 a.m.); Alarm at The Peoples Bank (4:01 p.m.); Disturbance at Tiger Videos (7:43 p.m.).

TUESDAY, JUNE 17 - River stage - 3.40 (6:07 a.m.); Minor wreck at the Dairy Queen (5:26 p.m.); Alarm at Elba High School (9:10 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18 - River stage - No report; Rescue run to a residence on Reese Ave. (6:34 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on West Davis St. (1:00 p.m.); Rescue run to Legion Field on Troy Highway (7:50 p.m.); Alarm at Elba High School (7:50 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on Winston St. (7:52 p.m.).

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WATER & ELECTRIC - Tuesday following 2nd Monday - 6:00 p.m. - City Hall.
COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday of each month - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton.
LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 6:30 p.m. - Senior Citizens Center.
ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD 1st Thurs. - 5:30 p.m. - Supr. Office.
AMERICAN LEGION - Thurs. - 7:30 p.m. - Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.
RESCUE SQUAD - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 7:00 p.m. - Rescue Squad Building.
MASONIC LODGE 178 1st & 3rd Monday of each month - 7 p.m. - Grand Room @ Elba High School.
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COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN 3rd Wed. Noon - Colony Inn, Enterprise.
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A mother's dream of a perfect son!

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MAMA - 6-26-97



FROM THE HOUSE

Congressman
Terry Everett

Real Progress Being Made in Saving Medicare

A significant breakthrough has occurred in the battle to preserve and protect America's Medicare program. Recently, the White House agreed to the principles of Congress's plan to rescue the ailing medical program from certain bankruptcy while choice for health care coverage.

As you may know, the negotiations between Congress and the White House to reach a balanced federal budget in just five years are ongoing. One of the key areas of these negotiations is the future of the Medicare program.

While both sides have vowed to save the Medicare program, there hadn't been a unified agreement on just how to accomplish this goal until now. This development is particularly good news for America's seniors who have been wondering if Medicare would continue to be there for them when they need it.

The Congressional Medicare plan will give senior citizens the flexibility to choose from a variety of health care plans - including Medical Savings Accounts (MSAs). For the first time in Medicare's history, 500,000 seniors will have the option of using tax-free Medical Savings Accounts to pay their medical expenses, giving them more flexibility and control over their health care decisions. MSAs will be combined with insurance policies to protect seniors from expenses related to catastrophic illnesses or injuries.

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Representatives of Coffee County's Volunteer Fire Departments met on June 3 at the Forestry Commission Office in New Brockton to receive grant checks totaling \$16,549.47. State Sen. Dwight Adams and Rep. Garrett Moore presented each department with a check for \$1,838.83. This money may be used by the departments to purchase equipment or make repairs as needed. The grant program is funded by the legislature and administered by the Alabama Forestry Commission. (Pictured, l-r): Randall Black - Ino; Lloyd Driggers - Elba; Sen. Adams; James Brown - New Brockton; Stephen McCollough - Five Star; Ben Moates - Tri Community; Roy Mitchell - Battens; Tim Allen - Goodman; Rep. Moore; Glen Gatlin - Zion Chapel. (Not present - Kinston VFD)

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(Mrs. Cauley in Hospital)



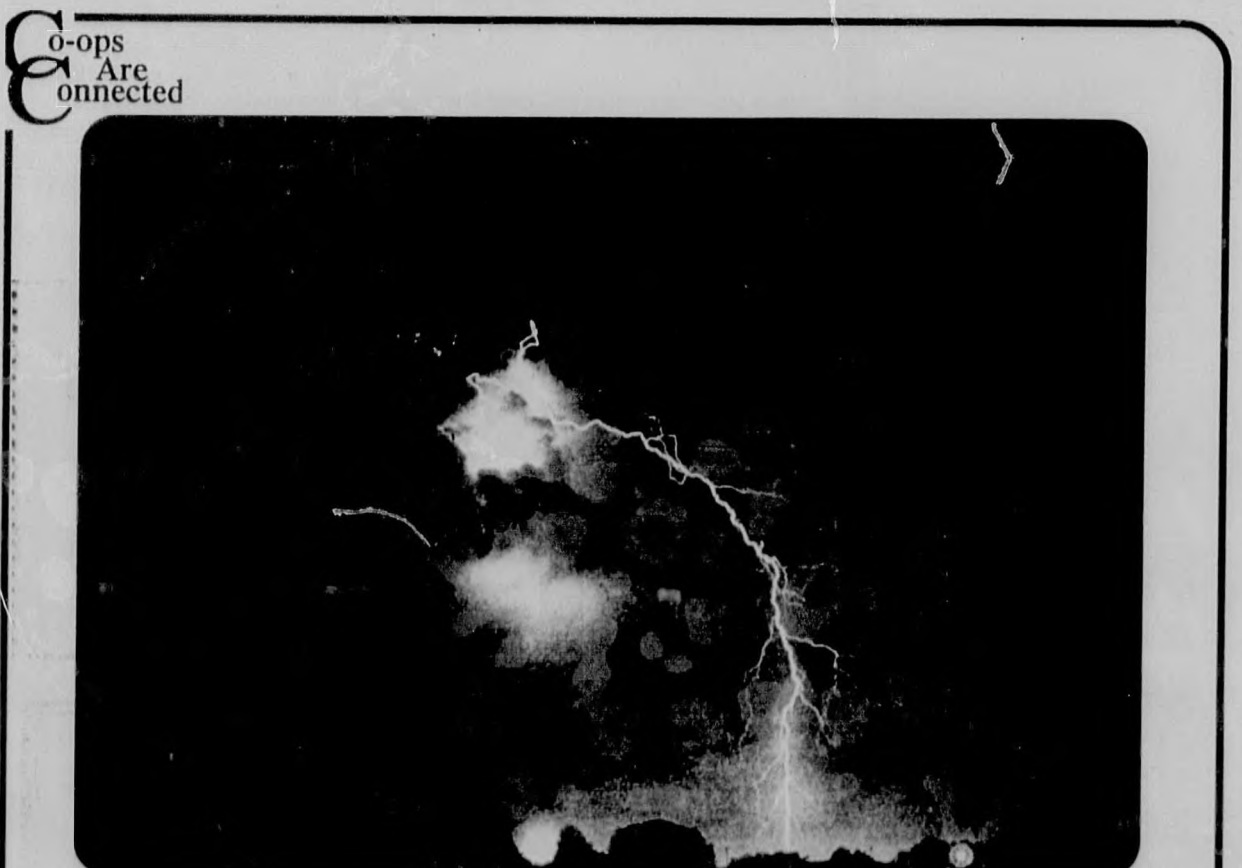
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Mrs. Margaret Calhoun speaks to AARP

The local chapter of AARP met June 17, with Mr. Charles Kennett, president, presiding. Two guests and 17 members enjoyed the covered dish meal and fellowship.

Mrs. Margaret Calhoun, librarian at Elba High School, was introduced by the program chairman, Wilson Newman.

Mrs. Calhoun gave a very informative talk about a grant that has been received for educational purposes relating to the environment. "Birds of All Seasons" was the topic of the application for the grant. The one-hour AARP monthly meeting every third Tuesday night the development of a bird and wildlife refuge, nature trails, and natural outdoor amphitheater to be located on the Elba City School property near the superintendent's office.

Mrs. Nell Wilson Gilmer was introduced as a guest to be a program speaker at a later date. Mrs. Gilmer is the southeast Alabama coordinator of "55 Alive" and teaches AARP safety driving classes.

All senior citizens are invited to attend the one-hour AARP monthly meeting every third Tuesday night at 6 o'clock in the Senior Citizens Building in downtown Elba. Program speaker for the July meeting will be Rev. Sam Totton of the Fairview Baptist Church.

Mrs. Betty Benton Dorsey, age 75, of Panama City Beach, Fla., died June 17, 1997, in South Haven Nursing Home.

Funeral services were held June 19, 1997, at 10 a.m. from Elba First Baptist Church, with Rev. Jim Fillingim officiating.

Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery of Elba, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Mrs. Dorsey was formerly of Elba. She was preceded in death by her husband, T.K. Dorsey; two sons - Kim Dorsey Jr. and Steve Dorsey.

Survivors include son and daughter-in-law: Gene and Pam Dorsey, Fairhope; son: George F. Dorsey, Atlanta, Ga.; son and daughter-in-law: David B. and Karen Dorsey, Montgomery; two sisters: Jane Davis, Montgomery; and Jo Ann Powell, Ft. Walton Beach, Fla.; three grandsons: Benton Dorsey and Sawyer Dorsey, both of Montgomery; and Stacey Dorsey, Fairhope; one granddaughter: Carly Dorsey, Fairhope.

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View From

The Pressbox

with Ricky Mularz

What started out as a quiet weekend out of town for just Mom and Dad quickly turned into just another trip to the beach for the entire family last weekend, as the kids found about the trip before the final plans were made, and Mom gave in and agreed to let the kids enjoy the weekend doing just what they wanted to do. The kids did enjoy the beach and everything that went along with it, while Mom and Dad followed behind and even managed to have a little fun themselves. The next trip? For Mom and Dad, maybe!

ALL-STAR SELECTIONS ARE NEVER EASY TO MAKE

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation announced its All-Star selections for boys' baseball and girls' softball last week, and as always, there were parents and fans that didn't agree with the players that made the various teams. The All-Star teams in all the leagues were selected by a vote of the coaches, who sacrificed their free time for over three months to practice and help their players get better. The coaches knew the players from the other teams, and after a discussion of the players from the teams, voted for the best 13 players in each league. The voting was close and many players barely made the team, while others barely missed out on the chance to be an All-Star. When a league has four or six teams, and only 13 All-Stars are selected, there are obviously going to be a lot of good players left off the team. The players that are selected are the ones the coaches believe are the most deserving, and as one coach stated, "My votes are based on ability and reliability."

Every town goes through the All-Star selection process knowing that many good players will be left off the teams; however, every town makes the best effort possible to make sure the players all receive a fair chance, and that is all that can be expected.

NOTES IN CLOSING...

***Zion Chapel baseball coach Matt Rodgers made it official last week when he accepted a position as an assistant football and basketball coach at Andalusia High School. Rodgers did an excellent job during his years at Zion Chapel, but when a coach gets a chance to move up from a 1A school to a 5A school, he must look at his future in coaching and do what is best for his career. I know Coach Rodgers will be missed at Zion Chapel; however, I think he made the wise choice and one that will pay dividends during his career in high school education and athletics.

***I got the chance to talk with Elba High grad Heath Bullard one night last week, and really enjoyed our conversation about his coaching career in Texas. Coach Bullard has become one of the top soccer coaches in the nation during his years at Grapevine, Texas, and this past season had his team ranked #1 in the nation in USA Today. The former Elba Tiger also is an assistant on the football team, and this past year helped the team win the state championship. While his coaching career is already filled with honors, and his future success seems assured, he told me he is looking to leave the athletic field and get into administration. There is no doubt he will be a success in whatever he does.

***A team of youngsters from across Coffee County are in Mobile this week to compete in the All-American Cage Classic, a youth basketball tournament that has attracted teams from all across the nation. The team is coached by Ken English, a former high school coach that is a proven winner, and whether or not the team wins the top prize, the youngsters will have learned a great deal about basketball, life.

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1. An application may be received from the Coffee County School system at the following address and should be submitted to the same address:
Coffee County Board of Education
400 Reddoch Hill Road
Elba, Alabama 36323
(334) 897-5016
 2. Applications will be received until 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 9, 1997.
 3. All applications will be reviewed by the appropriate principal and supervisor who will arrange necessary interviews.
 4. Recommendations will be submitted to the superintendent by the principal and supervisor.
 5. The superintendent will make recommendations to the Board for action.
 6. All applicants interviewed will receive written notification of action taken.
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Sports

Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

In Dixie Youth and Dixie Minor

Cardinals & Red Sox claim baseball crowns

The Elba Dixie Youth and Dixie Minor Baseball Leagues got in plenty of action in recent weeks, despite the rainy weather, with the Cardinals and Red Sox wrapping up league titles.

Following are highlights of recent action in both leagues:

***Steven Hines scored his third run of the game in the bottom of the sixth inning to help the Red Sox squeeze past the Phillies 5-4, in Dixie Minor action.

***The Braves scored 5 runs in the first inning and held on to down the Diamondbacks 5-1, in Dixie Youth action. Colby Capps and Jessie Thigpen led the Braves at the plate, while Tyler Simmons doubled off the fence for the Diamondbacks.

***The A's scored early and often to rip the Royals 15-5, in Dixie Youth action. Blake Lambert and Brandon Petty each scored 3 runs for the A's, while Jody McCormick scored 2 runs for the Royals.

***The Red Sox staged a late rally to down the Rays 8-2, in Dixie Minor action. Britt Parrish and Steven Hines both got 2 hits for the Red Sox, while Ted Eubanks scored 2 runs each for the Rays. Alex Benbow got 1 hit and collected an RBI for the Rays.

***The Cardinals spotted the Cardinals an early 7-1 lead and then came storming back to pull out an exciting 9-7 win, in Dixie Youth action. Lance Wood got 2 hits and collected 2 rbi's to lead the Diamondbacks, while Bill Bludsworth got 1 hit and knocked in 2 runs for the Cardinals.

***The Rays pulled ahead early and survived a late Dodgers rally to post a 9-7 win, in Dixie Minor action. Adam Spicer and Brad Crawford got 2 hits apiece and combined to knock in 5 runs to lead the Rays, while Heath Danford and Tad Adams both scored 2 runs for the Dodgers.

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation will host the 1997 Alabama Recreation and Parks Association "District Softball Tournaments" this weekend in both the "16 and Under" and "18 and Under" age divisions.

A total of 14-16 teams are expected to participate in the "16 and Under" division, with 4-8 teams to compete in the "18 and Under" division.

All games will be played at Hawkins-Williams Park, with games set for Friday night and throughout the day on Saturday.

Admission will be \$2 adults and \$1 children.

The Kinston High School "Volleyball Camp" will be held on August 5-7, from 9:00 - 12:00 and 1:30 - 3:30, at the Kinston High School gym.

The camp is for ages 12-18, with a fee of \$50 per camper. Kinston Lady Bulldog volleyball coach Amelia Rhoades will be the camp clinician, and the camp will put an emphasis on fundamentals, team play, defense, offense and attitude.

For additional information and a registration form contact Coach Rhoades at (334) 565-3111 (s) or (334) 565-3240 (h).

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TEAM	WON	LOST	BEHIND
CARDINALS	9	2	-
BRAVES	8	3	1
A'S	7	4	2
D'BACKS	5	8	5
MARLINS	3	7	5 1/2
ROYALS	1	9	7 1/2

DIXIE MINOR LEAGUE

RED SOX	11	1	-
PHILLIES	8	5	3 1/2
DODGERS	7	6	4 1/2
RAYS	4	7	6 1/2
SOX	4	8	7
BREWERS	2	9	8 1/2

early and rolled to a 12-0 win over the Sox, in Dixie Minor action. Ted Eubanks got 2 hits for the Red Sox, while Mark Windham added 1 hit and 3 rbi's. Lamar Boggs got the only Sox hit.

***The Rays led all the way to defeat the Brewers 9-4, in Dixie Minor action. Jauan Starks got 2 hits to lead the Rays, while Taylor McGuire scored 2 runs. Clark Skinner got 2 hits for the Brewers.

Girls All-Star teams to compete this weekend at ARPA district

Bannin and Heather Hudson.

16 AND UNDER ALL-STAR

The "16 and Under" All-Stars will be a very young team, but is filled with experience and should have a shot at winning games at the District Tournament, which will be held in Elba and will include 16 teams.

10 AND UNDER ALL-STAR

The "10 and Under" All-Stars will travel to Enterprise for District competition and are confident that they have a shot at winning games in the 18-team event.

The All-Stars, coached by Laura Baxley, have been working hard in recent days and gained valuable experience last week in a double-header against Samson. The Stars will be led in the tournament by Stephanie Baxley, Ashley Gibson, Becky Stinson, Emily Paul, Mallory Allen and Marissa Lowman.

12 AND UNDER ALL-STAR

The "12 and Under" All-Stars will travel to Andalusia for their District action and are believed to have a solid shot at advancing on to State competition, despite the very strong 18-team field.

The All-Stars, coached by Steve Williams, were impressive last week in scoring a total of 55 runs in a double-header sweep over Samson, and without a doubt should have a team that knows how to score runs. The Stars will be led at the tournament by Devri Kilcrease, Lagina Mack, Meghan Parrish, Deann Smith, Greta Robinson and Stacy Chism.

14 AND UNDER ALL-STAR

The "14 and Under" All-Stars will travel to Eufaula for their District Tournament and are confident that they can and will win games in the 18-team event.

The All-Stars include five players that started for the Elba High Junior Varsity team this past spring, and is filled with experience at all levels of play. The Stars, coached by Rob Bludsworth, will be led by Rachel Bludsworth, Renee Wambles, Casey Skinner, Aubretta Williams, Naisha

ELBA GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE

*** 1997 ALL-STAR ***

TOURNAMENTS ON JUNE 27-28, 1997

"16 & UNDER DIVISION"

Melissa Mularz
Raeann McCollough
Christy Smith
Michelle Lewis
Amber Frederick
LeeAnn Griffin
Melissa Grantham
Vaughan Boyd
Tyeisha Tyson

Lindsey Jared
Leslie Stinson
Meaghan Lee
Katie Vaughan
Kristen Bowden
Coaches:
Ricky Mularz
James Simmons
Mike Jared

"14 & UNDER DIVISION"

Rachel Bludsworth
Renee Wambles
Natascha Bannin
Casey Skinner
Brandy Davis
Courtney Jackson
Charly Barlow
Victoria Tyler
Heather Hudson

Aubretta Williams
Melissa Kelley
Kasey Manning
Kendra Cole
Coaches:
Reb Bludsworth
Luke Bludsworth

"12 & UNDER DIVISION"

Samantha Williams
Devri Kilcrease
April Burks
Lagina Mack
Meaghan Parrish
Brittany Daniels
Melissa Sanders
Deann Smith
Delora Moore

Greta Robinson
Danae Ware
Kaci Grantham
Stacy Chism
Coaches:
Steve Williams
Billy Grantham
Mike Sanders

"10 & UNDER DIVISION"

Stephanie Baxley
Ashley Gibson
Becky Stinson
Alison Smith
Whitney Lawford
Allison Brunson
Ashley Shelton
Cassy Cooper
Emily Paul

Ashley Camley
Mallory Allen
Lyndsay Lawford
Marissa Lowman
Coaches:
Laura Baxley
Michelle Cooper
Melinda Lee

DIXIE YOUTH & DIXIE MINOR "1997 ALL-STARS"

DIXIE YOUTH

Channon Stuckey
Tyler Simmons
Jason Curran
Marcus Henderson
Matthew Curran
Justin Allen
Colby Capps
Jessie Thigpen
Brandon Petty
Derrick Thomas
Ralston Moore
Chris Brunson
Kyle English
Coaches:
Rob Curran
Mike Capps
Rachel Moore

DIXIE MINOR

Luke Taylor
Heath Parker
Laray Williams
Matthew Hataway
Tad Adams
Adam Spicer
Mason Guiley
Bradley Bane
Chad Williams
Lewis Johnson
Drew Donaldson
Brett Parrish
Steven Hines
Coaches:
Mark Donaldson
Tommy Adams
Keith Parker

DIXIE MAJORS & PRE-MAJORS "1997 ALL-STARS"

DIXIE MAJORS

Wade Parker
Ashley Sutley
Steve Hodge
Paul Marsh
Derek Marler
Lee Flowers
Kevin Hobbs
Leray Smedley
Josh Mack
Ken Mitchell
Johnny Coleman
LaDon Daniels
Josh Dawkins
Jeremy Pippin
Coach:
Mickey Marler

DIXIE PRE-MAJORS

Josh Hodge
Clint Cowen
Brooks Creel
Kevin Dodd
Eric Jordan
Daniel Murdock
Dustin Stinson
Adam Brookins
Jason McKinzie
Andre Flowers
Charlie Driggers
Jered Simmons
Pate Harrison
Coaches:
Byron Hodge
Tom Melo
Joe Simmons

DIXIE BOYS BASEBALL LEAGUE

*** 1997 ALL-STARS ***
TOURNAMENTS ON JUNE 26-JULY 2
IN GREENVILLE

"14 YEAR-OLD DIVISION"

Jason Caradine
Matt Windham
Austin Harris
Adam Sutley
Nick Anderson
Britt Grimes
Brandon Salter
Marcus Taylor
Clay Sutley

Alan Head
Chris Turner
Jimbo Cook
Tony Smith
Coaches:
Jerry Salter
Bryan Grimes
Shannon Brown

"13 YEAR-OLD DIVISION"

Jeremy Meeks
Randy Danford
Job Bowers
Randall Brunson
Seth Legg
Bart Barnes
Patrick Oglesby
Jonathan Head

Justin Harbuck
Zack Gifford
Jacob Moore
Jeremy Mack
Coaches:
Doyle Barnes
Haywood Legg
Tom Head

Domino tournament set for July 11-12 in Andalusia

The 22nd annual World Championship Domino Tournament is set for July 11-12 in Andalusia, with hundreds of players expected to compete for the title of world champion.

Hosted by the Andalusia Rotary Club, the two-day tournament will draw players from Alabama and across the south and Midwest. Players will compete for trophies and cash totaling over \$20,000.

"We have a new tournament site at the Kiwanis Fair Complex," said Greg Henderson, Andalusia Rotary Club president and tournament co-chairman. The new site offers expanded facilities, ample parking and modern accommodations.

Henderson said an arts and crafts fair has been added to the weekend activities, and Alabama head football coach Mike Dufosse and World Championship Domino Tournament® coach Sarah Stone of Andalusia will be special tournament guests.

"But perhaps the most significant

addition to the tournament this year is a new doubles tournament for professional players," said Henderson.

The singles tournament starts at 8 a.m. on Friday, followed by a singles round robin at 1 p.m. The professional doubles tournament is at 5 p.m. followed by the Fantastic Domino Car Sweepstakes at 7 p.m.

On Saturday, a draw for partners doubles tournament starts at 8 a.m., followed by a doubles round robin at 1 p.m.

Conclusion of the professional doubles continues at 5 p.m. with finals in adult singles and doubles to begin at 7 p.m. Awards will be presented around 9 p.m. Saturday.

Registration before July 1 is \$25 per event for adults, \$15 for teens (13-19) and \$10 for children.

On or after July 1, registration is \$30 for adults, \$20 for teens and \$15 for children. The professional doubles has \$300 per team entry fee.

Coffee County Tennis Association established to help promote sport

A kick-off meeting held May 12 in Enterprise resulted in the formation of the Coffee County Tennis Association. The purpose of the association is to promote interest in USA Junior Team and adult tennis in Coffee County and surrounding counties.

The next open meeting will be held Tuesday, June 10, 7:30 p.m. at Shoney's in Enterprise.

Tennis enthusiasts of all ages and parents of children who play or are interested in tennis are invited and encouraged to attend. Your help and support is greatly needed. For further information contact Carol Jackson (334) 897-2527.

NEWS AMONG OUR SERVICE FOLKS

DAVID L. SMART

Air Force Tech. Sgt. David L. Smart has been named the 16th Logistics Group, Hurlburt Field, Fort Walton Beach, FL, logistics professional of the year, supervisor/technician category.

Selection was based on the individual's exemplary duty performance, job knowledge, leadership qualities, significant self-improvement, and other accomplishments.

The sergeant, a resources supervisor with the 16th Transportation Squadron at Hurlburt, is the son of Gussie L. Smart of Elba, AL. His wife, Sherree, is the daughter of Lonnie and Jean Henderson of Jacksonville, AR.

GARY N. GRUBB II

Gary N. Grubb II has been commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force after having graduated from Officer Training School (OTS) at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery.

Pre-commissioning training included basic military subjects, leadership and management, human behavior, professional knowledge, and defense and professional studies.

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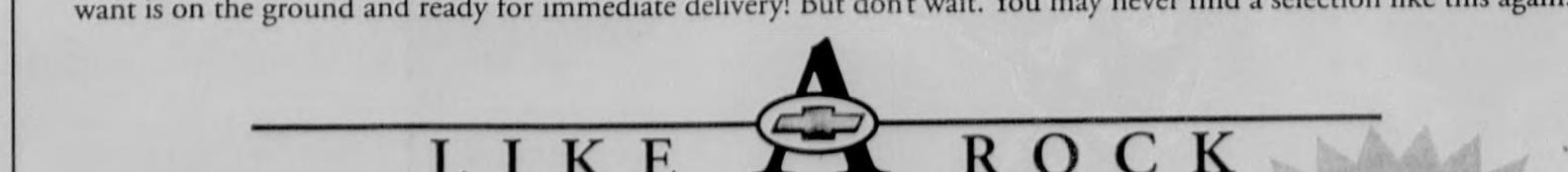
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